

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 12 Hayes Avenue

Historic Name Edward & Barbara Lerner House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Barn/Garage

Date of Construction c.1900?

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form ---

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboard, wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

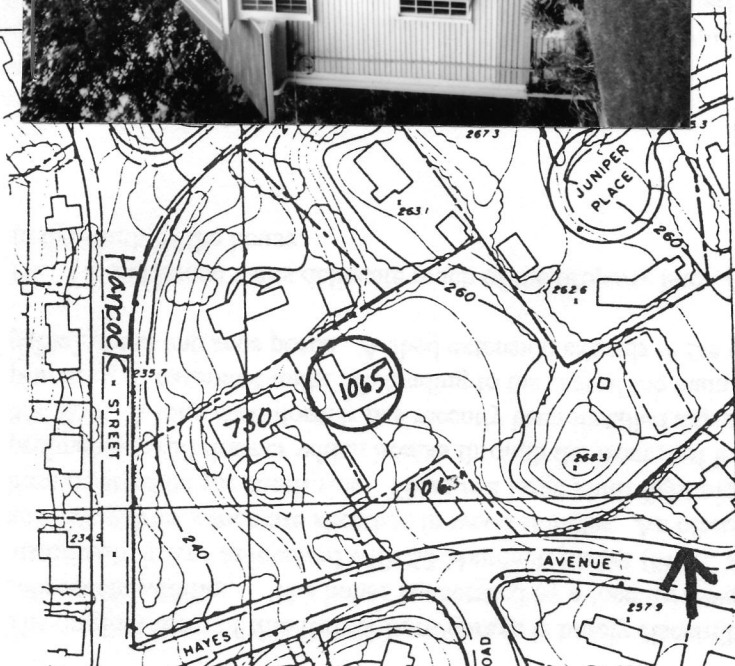
Major Alterations (with dates) c.1945 - barn converted to residential use, additions; c.1999 - front shed dormer

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 84,862 SF

Setting setback behind 10 Hayes Ave.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

## BUILDING FORM (12 Hayes Avenue)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The original form of this former barn/garage is barely discernible due to its c.1945 remodeling for residential use and subsequent additions. The house is accessed by a long driveway adjacent to **10 Hayes Avenue (MHC #1063)** although historically it was associated with **53 Hancock Street (MHC #730)**. The 1 1/2-story building displays a clapboarded facade and side gables which are sheathed in wood shingles. An offcenter Colonial-style entrance with fluted surround and fan has been inserted on the south side. There is a large multi-light picture window to the west of the entrance and this is capped by a pedimented wall dormer which breaks through the front roof line and contains a central 8/1 window flanked by more narrow 8/8 sash. A long shed dormer has recently been installed adjacent to the pedimented dormer. Additional fenestration consists primarily of casement units. Extending to the east of the main building is a single-story, hip-roofed wing with a secondary gable-roofed entrance porch. A shed extension extends to the east with a screened porch at the rear.

Historic fieldstone walls delineate much of the property line. A 20' x 26' prefabricated garage constructed in 1975 is located to the south of the house.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This building originally served as a barn/garage for the house at **53 Hancock Street (MHC #730)**. Its original date of construction is not known. The house at 53 Hancock Street was originally built in 1849 but heavily altered in the early 20th century. The former barn was converted to residential use in the mid to late 1940s for occupation by Edward and Barbara Larner; his parents owned and occupied the main house. Information received by local historian Anne Grady (Schoenhut letter #3) suggests that the house (and 10 Hayes Avenue) may have been designed/renovated by Willard Brown. In the late 1940s the former barn was known as 53B Hancock Street; it became 12 Hayes Avenue in 1953.

The property was purchased by Robert and Betty Pound in 1960, by Arnold and Virginia Golodetz in 1965, by Willard and Jean Wood in 1969 and by Bertrand and Patricia Fox in 1978.

(see  
20 Meriam St.,  
MHC #382)

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Information from Anne Grady (Schoenhut letter #3).  
Lexington Assessors Records.  
Lexington Directories, various dates.  
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.  
1935 Sanborn Insurance Map of Lexington.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*